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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the report on the Administration of Inam Villages and Estates under Government management during the year 1937-38.

READ—

Letter No. A. 14—37-38, dated 26th November 1938, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore forwarding the reports received from the Deputy Commissioners of Districts on the Administration of Inam Villages and Estates under Government management during the year 1937-38, together with his review thereon.

ORDER NO. R. 2732-41—L. R. 236-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 5TH DECEMBER 1938.

Recorded.

2. There were 222 villages and estates under Government management during the year under report against 229 in the year previous, the decrease being due to the exclusion of some of the estates belonging to minor Muzrai Institutions in Kolar District which had been wrongly brought under this head all along. Survey and Settlement have so far been introduced into 198 villages and estates. In the case of 8 villages, survey operations have been completed and early action should be taken to expedite the settlement work.

3. *Jamabandi Work.*—The Jamabandi of 217 villages was conducted during the year, that of 31 villages by the Deputy Commissioners and of 186 villages by the Sub-Division Officers. Of the 5 villages of which the Jamabandi has not been conducted, 4 villages are in the Bangalore District and the Deputy Commissioner has explained the circumstances under which the Jamabandi was not conducted. As regards the remaining village in the Hassan District, the Revenue Commissioner states that the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, has been asked to explain why the same has not been done. Arrangements should be made to obtain the accounts of Jodi Kalkere Village and conduct the Jamabandi of this village regularly.

4. There was improvement in the disposal of takrar taktas during the year under report, 831 cases came up for disposal and 528 cases were disposed of against 282 in the previous year. The pendency however continues to be heavy in the districts of Mysore, Bangalore and Tumkur.

5. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—The total demand for the year including arrears amounted to Rs. 1,34,556-0-11, of which a sum of Rs. 2,14,304-11-8 (inclusive of remission) was collected during the year. There has been no improvement in the collections and the arrears continue to remain at the same level as in the previous year. The time-barred arrears have increased from Rs. 24,133 at the end of 1936-37 to Rs. 27,748, the largest amounts being in the Bangalore and Shimoga Districts. The attention of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts is again invited to the observations made in the last year's review that they should see that due notice is taken of the conduct of officers whose indifference results in loss of revenue to Government. It is noted that there was some activity in regard to the village improvement scheme, five well works, four road works and one school building having been carried out. But the progress achieved is not adequate and it is hoped that the scheme will receive greater attention during the current year and substantial improvement secured.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Reviews the report on the working of the Treasuries in the State during the year 1937-38.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per. A. 7--2[illegible]38 dated 14th November 1938, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding with his remarks, the Comptroller's report on the working of the Treasuries in the State during the year 1937-38.

ORDER NO. R. 2719-29—R. M. 37-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 5TH DECEMBER 1938.

Recorded.

2. *Monthly Accounts and Annual Returns.*—In spite of observations made in the previous years' reports delays in the submission of these accounts have not been minimised and the delays in the Bangalore District are abnormal. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to look into a few typical cases and obtain the explanation of the officers concerned to deal with them suitably so that such delays may not recur in future.

3. *Classification of Receipts and Payments and Objection Slips.* The number of misclassifications in the Treasury accounts and the retrenchment slips has increased from 109 and 1,753 in 1936-37 to 145 and 2,208 respectively, thus indicating a set back in improvement. It is hoped that better care will be exercised in the treasuries and that misclassifications avoided as far as possible.

4. *Irregularities in Payments.*—Irregularities in payments still continue although there is a slight improvement. It is reported that the Deputy Commissioners concerned have been requested to take due notice of the conduct of the officials responsible for these irregularities. Government trust that the action taken will produce the desired effect and the irregularities will be reduced to a minimum.

5. *Inspections.*—Four district and nine taluk treasuries were inspected by the Officers of the Accounts Department. The Deputy Commissioners inspected 61 taluk treasuries during the year under report against 59 taluk treasuries in the previous year, the number of taluk treasuries inspected by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, being the lowest.

6. *Important Measures sanctioned during the Year.*—Two taluk treasuries were opened, one at French-Rocks and the other at Turuvekere, consequent on the conversion of the respective sub-taluks into taluks.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Directs that Mr. R. Chennigaramiah be appointed as a member of the Central Recruitment Board.

READ—

Government Order No. 5359-450—C. R. B. 11-37-7, dated 20th January 1938, directing the reconstitution of the Central Recruitment Board for a period of two years.

ORDER No. 3770-3840—C. R. B. 39-38-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7TH DECEMBER 1938.

Government are pleased to direct that Mr. R. Chennigaramiah be appointed as a member of the Central Recruitment Board, during the remaining period of its term, in place of Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai, deceased.

M. VENKATESA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Department of Geology for the year 1937-38.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 9461-40, dated 28th September 1938, from the Director of Geology, submitting the Administration Report of the Department of Geology for the year 1937-38.

ORDER No. D. 4983-5043—GEOL. 29-38-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 1ST—5TH DECEMBER 1938.

Recorded.

2. The number of mining leases, licenses and certificates of approval for gold, chromite, manganese, kaolin, magnesite, etc., current during the year was 127 (111) and the total area covered by them was about 72,323 acres (61,508).

3. *Special Prospecting License for Gold and Silver.*—The Indian Mines Development Syndicate, Ltd., surrendered, during the year, the special license held by them relinquishing thereby an area of 2,360 square miles covered by the license as the geophysical survey and prospecting operations conducted by them in the Manighatta area failed to indicate the presence of any mineral values of economic importance.

4. With a view to find out the lateral and downward extensions of the chrome ore bodies in the several sections of the Byrapur chrome mines, the work done there during the year was mostly of an exploratory nature and the results so far obtained are stated to be encouraging. Out of the 320·5 tons of graphite mined at Ganacharpur, 216·08 tons were supplied to the Mysore Iron and Steel Works and a small quantity of 5 tons to the Slate Pencil Factory at Bowringpet. Twenty-four tons of 'B' grade kaolin were supplied to the Government Porcelain Factory. A total quantity of about 48 tons of asbestos was supplied to the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, the Mysore Paper Mills and the Sandalwood Oil Factory at Mysore. The Mysore Iron and Steel Works mined 34,105 tons of iron ore, 441 tons of manganese ore, 10,912 tons of limestone and 1,600 tons of dolomite.

5. *Mineral Survey.*—The following areas comprising about 200 square miles were surveyed for special purposes :—

(i) A strip of country of about 60 square miles between Koppa and Tirthahalli was surveyed in detail to locate all the noticeable minerals of the region. In addition to kaolin, which forms the main economic mineral of the region, corundum, kyanite, beryl, tourmaline, garnet, mica and vein quartz were located at several places.